



PATENT - AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL  
RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116 Expedited  
Procedure - Examining Group 2863

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Salvatore N. Storino : Date: January 28, 2004  
Group Art Unit: 2863 : IBM Corporation  
Examiner: Sun, Xiuqin : Intellectual Property Law  
Serial No.: 10/045,911 : Dept. 917, Bldg. 006-1  
Filed: October 19, 2001 : 3605 Highway 52 North  
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR : Rochester, MN 55901  
ESTIMATING REMAINING LIFE OF A  
PRODUCT

Mail Stop Amendment After Final  
Commissioner for Patents  
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This Amendment addresses the issues raised in the Final Office Action mailed December 02, 2003, having a period for response set to expire on March 02, 2004.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin page 2 of this paper.

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